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C.P.R., C.N.R. Hotel Employees Campaign for Increases in Wages

Dissatisfied with the present low wages and unsatisfactory working conditions and resenting that they are not granted even the six cents (6¢) per hour wage increase recently awarded to the Railway Brotherhoods, the C.N.R. and C.P.R. hotel workers throughout the country have undertaken a powerful campaign through the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and the Bartenders' International League of America, A.F.L., to fully organize and unionize this industry as the only means of bringing about the long overdue improvements which are so urgently required.

For decades the Hotel Workers suffered from low wages and abominable working conditions. While changes took place in all walks of life, in production and services, this industry never fully emerged from the undemocratic practices relating to domestic servants and menial status. This tradition handicaps our attempts to realize a true fulfillment of the democratic ideals demanded by present day conditions. To alleviate these hardships of this section of working people and make the remuneration for their faithful and useful service sufficient for a decent livelihood, needs no apology on our part.

The several thousand workers employed in the C.P.R. and C.N.R. hotels throughout the country are up in arms today feeling that no justice will be rendered them until such time as they are fully organized and stand up on their own feet side by side with the rest of organized labor in the struggle for a new and better life.

For several years now the Macdonald Hotel (C.N.R.) employees of Edmonton have been organized and while certain improvements were

gained, these are small and insufficient today and further progress can be achieved when the rest of the hotel employees are organized and fight for their rights and the necessary improvements.

With the Royal York Hotel (C.P.R.), Toronto, Besborough Hotel

(C.N.R.), Saskatoon, in addition to the Macdonald Hotel fully unionized; Palliser Hotel of Calgary, Marquis Hotel of Lethbridge, Chateau Frontenac of Quebec, Chateau Laurier of Ottawa and several others throughout the country partly organized, the

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Submission of Lethbridge Workers Upheld by Board

After considerable efforts and time in organization of their union, the restaurant employees of the third largest city of the foothills province can well be proud of their achievements as word has just been

received from the Regional War Labor Board that their application for wage increases, holidays with pay and other improvements in working conditions has been favorably ruled upon.

The application to the Regional Board was jointly submitted by the Union and the fourteen restaurant proprietors through their association. It is the first example of real co-operation between employers and employees of our industry in our province and we are confident that it is only a beginning, as it is daily being proved that real UNIONISM pays to all concerned.

While in other places our Union put up a considerable struggle to gain very modest and most reasonable concessions, Lethbridge workers gained all of that and then some.

The most outstanding feature, however, about Lethbridge is that it is the first place in Canada where our industry is practically completely unionized, with not only equal but the highest scale in the Province.

We are certain that our Local of the Restaurant Employees will go a long way not only in improving the position of the workers, but in raising the industry to a proper level by giving the public the service required.



G. S. CUSHING

Secretary of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council.

POLITICAL ACTION

By D. P. Morrison,
Local No. 54, Lethbridge, Alberta

We have all heard the statement made in trade union meetings: "This is not a political organization; let's keep out of politics."

While it is quite true that a trade union local is primarily an economic organization, it cannot very well be said that the point of view put forth in the statement quoted above is the result of an intelligent study and appraisal of the facts. On the contrary, I suggest that it reveals a very definite lack of knowledge of the position of the working masses in society and the measures that are necessary if we hope to attain social security and social justice.

Space does not permit in this paper to deal fully with statistics on the economic life of our people, however.

Getting back to the period prior to the depression years, which have been pointed to by our capitalist friends as the most prosperous in Canadian peace-time history; the period, which, in their own words, brought us to the end of "a century of progress," what do we find?

In the year 1929 Canada had reached the peak of prosperity. Industrial production had reached the highest point in history. Profits were never higher, and though agriculture had already entered upon its period of decline, never were optimism and faith in Canada's future at a higher level. Yet, in the year 1929 the average yearly wage in Canada, in the manufacturing industries, was only \$1,045.00. But the fact that this does not represent a typical figure for all industries is revealed by reference to individual group figures. In the highly protected textile industry, employing 105,994 workers, the officially recorded average yearly wage was \$818.00. In coal mining, the average was \$879.76; in the tobacco industry, \$644.11. The agricultural laborer's wage, including allowances for board,

is averaged at \$627.00, while wages for female agricultural workers stood at \$465.00.

Then came the hungry thirties. This forms too black a chapter in Canada's history to be reviewed here, but we have not forgotten the hunger-marches, the soup kitchens, the rod-riding, the Bennett buggies, our young men being shunted off into the concentration camps in the wilds, away from all contact with so-called civilized society to work for twenty cents per day, the so-called Regina riots, the blackest spot on Canada's name. No! We have not forgotten.

Then came the war and Canada was again lifted out of the doldrums and once more placed on a comparatively secure footing, speaking in terms of social and economic security. But, even in these comparatively prosperous war years, what do we find?

Well, what are we going to do about it? Do you still think we "should keep out of politics?" So far as I am concerned, it is my considered judgment that by united political action labor can attain fair and equitable measures of social and economic justice. I am very definitely of the opinion that every trade union local must come to the realization that it must set up a political action committee whose duty it will be to study current trends and events and keep the membership informed and advised along such lines with a view to taking what political action may be considered in the best interests of labor generally. If we want social and economic justice—and I am certain we do—I say the only way we can achieve it is through united political action. Let us not forget the fact that not one piece of social legislation has ever gone on the statute books of any country without years of agitation and fighting on the part of labor's representatives both in and out of legislative chambers.

When you again hear anyone making the crack that "we should keep out of politics," you should tell him that it is just so much of that which some people call hokey or eye-wash. Personally, I have another and more expressive name for it, but it could not be published in a respectable journal such as this. It refers to Taurus, the male of the bovine species and a certain kind of fertilizer.

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Oh, yes! Members were invited to suggest a name for the new paper. My suggestion is "The Circle."

The wise man and the fool do about the same things, only the wise man does them at the beginning.

OBJECTION! OBJECTION!

(New) Shasta Cafe employees voted for the union to be their collective bargaining agency for the fourth time on Thursday, December 14th, 1944. The last and fourth vote was taken on that date under the supervision of the Industrial Relations Office.

The management, through their legal representative, flatly refused the use of the premises to the employees for the purpose of voting. Their legal counsel also objected to the employees voting in the Union Hall. However, they were very fair minded about the whole thing and demanded that the voting take place in the Industrial Relations Office, and these demands were granted to them by the Industrial Relations Board.

The employees went to vote, reporting that the manager of New Shasta Cafe was sitting in the front (waiting) office, and that the employees going to cast their ballot had to pass within a few feet of him in order to reach the balloting booth. The result speaks volumes on the courage, determination and the sincerity of the employees to overcome all the obstacles and legal loop holes in their struggle for unity, recognition and self respecting labor-management relations. Out of the twenty-six voting, twenty-six votes were cast for the union to be a collective bargaining agency for the employees.

The union is also certified now as a bargaining agency for the majority of the Rite Spot employees. The cafe workers in Edmonton are on the march along with organized labor.

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The Editor:

First of all, since this is our first letter, we wish to congratulate and thank the editorial staff for the splendid job they are making in the editing and publishing of the Alberta Hotel and Restaurant Employee, our official organ.

Secondly, we are indeed proud of the fact that the International has complied with our requests and placed Brother Alex. Young in the field as Western Organizer. Brother Young has been with us for the past week and we are convinced that he has lost no time since his arrival. In fact, sometimes we wonder if he ever sleeps. He, along with the executive of the Provincial Alliance, Brothers Cushing and MacKenzie, have met and discussed with the new executive of the Alberta Hotel Association the possibility of establishing a provincial agreement. They have also interviewed the management and staffs of the non-union hotels and restaurants in this city and the progress made thus far is far beyond expectations.

Unfortunately, we have been confronted with the possibility of a jurisdictional fight in the Palliser Hotel, where the C.B.R.E. have sent in some individual to organize the employees of this hotel. Quite a number of these workers have been members of our union for some time. We do hope, however, that the employees will understand and be convinced that our International is the only large and strong union which embraces a membership of approximately 300,000 hotel and restaurant employees in Canada and the United States. We hope that they will also realize that our International Union, Local 282, was responsible for the employees in the other 15 Calgary hotels receiving increases which amount to approximately \$50,000 annually as well as back pay from May 17th, 1944.

Our Provincial Alliance is functioning splendidly. The executive have met at different times and every effort is being made to bring about a provincial agreement covering all employees in our industry as soon as possible.

You can depend on hearing from us each month and when in Calgary look for the Union House card and demand the union button. The following Calgary beverage rooms are fully unionized and are worthy of the support of all: Alexandra, Carlton, Dominion, Empire, Empress, Imperial, Lethbridge Union, National, Noble, Queens, Royal, Shamrock, St. Regis, Victoria, Wales, Yale and York.

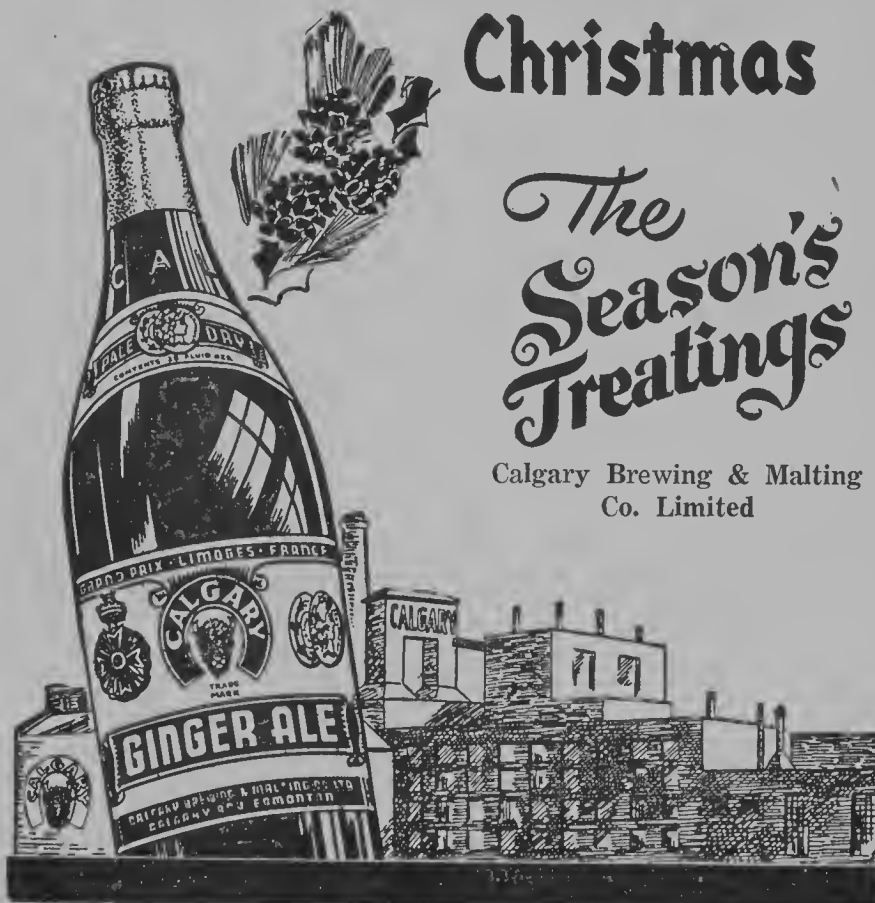
G. McHARDY, Secretary,
Beverage Dispensers' Local 265.

It's easier to get ahead, than to get rid of it in time to go to work in the morning.

Said the pretzel to the flat glass of beer—I'm like you; I've lost my head.



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GREETINGS TO ALL

We wish to extend to every member of our unions, as well as to all our readers and friends, the best of wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

During the passing year we were faced with many problems, most of which we succeeded to solve in the interest of our people and our country. In this struggle for a progressive solution of the problems of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees our publication of the "Employee" came into being. We are proud to say that it is so well received by our entire membership as well as by all those who stand for a better and happier life, that the circulation has been doubled in three months with still greater possibilities for the immediate future.

For the coming year we are resolved to dedicate ourselves for the final battles in the winning of the war and laying of a solid, sound, progressive foundation for a lasting, prosperous and happy peace for all mankind.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

WE ARE FORGING AHEAD

Last week the Regional War Labor Board for Alberta approved the submissions for wage increases and holidays with pay for the Lethbridge Union Restaurant Workers and the American Dairy Lunch employees of Edmonton. These decisions grant, in the main, the same wages and working conditions as those already approved of last July for Johnson's Cafe and mean a fair improvement for the workers.

After several years of struggle on the part of the restaurant employees through their trade union, good results are being achieved and we are confident that in the near future thousands of others who are suffering from low wages and miserable working conditions will join up in the Hotel and Restaurant International Alliance and get in the march to a happier and more prosperous life.

These are just the beginnings, for many of our people are still unorganized, still working for a depression level of wages. But many are beginning to realize that trade unionism pays and are joining our ranks in ever greater numbers, and are, therefore, taking their rightful place in the forward march of mankind. Join your union now! Be an active member all the time!

ABOLISH "DEPRESSION" WAGE RATES

Elsewhere in this issue of the "Employee" space is given to articles dealing with the urgent problems of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. hotel workers. The solution of these problems concerning wage increases and improved working conditions is long overdue and must not be delayed.

It is alarming to know that to a large extent, with the exception of the cost of living bonus being incorporated into the basic wage, there have been no wage increases for these hotel workers since the depression years. Yet we know from our experience that this cost of living bonus by no means compensates for the actual rise in the living costs.

The actual situation, therefore, is that these workers are compelled to live on "depression level" of wages. While the Railroad Brotherhoods were granted a wage increase of 6¢ per hour for both the C.N.R. and the C.P.R. employees, the hotel department employees were not included in this award by the National War Labor Board.

There is no doubt in our minds that had the C.N.R. and C.P.R. hotel

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THERE IS A DESIRE AND DETERMINATION TO ORGANIZE

By Alex. Young, Western Organizer

Since November 27th I have been on the road visiting the various places where the hotel and restaurant employees are anxious either to strengthen their existing organization, or where there is no organization, they want to join up with us. That was the case in Calgary where I spent one of the busiest weeks of my life meeting constantly, not only with our committees and membership, but with a great number of new people who are anxious to become members of our Union as in the case of the Palliser Hotel (C.P.R.) workers.

In Calgary we have started our negotiations with 16 hotel proprietors for a union agreement and we are certain that the negotiations will be completed successfully as the wage scale has already been approved by the Regional War Labor Board and is already being paid and the rest of the agreement calls for the same conditions as those already prevailing for two years in the city of Edmonton for the same classifications of employees.

At the same time the restaurant workers are progressing in their organization, with their wage scale likewise endorsed by the Regional Board, prospects are bright, indeed, for a full agreement to be reached in the near future.

At the same time we found that the Palliser Hotel employees are fed up with the prevailing conditions there and wanted to join our union. As this was progressing quite favorably we found an opposition in the field attempting to set up a hotel employees union under the auspices of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. At best, it is most unfortunate that those people chose to do it at such a time when those workers were not only ready in a great majority to form their union,

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HOTEL EMPLOYEES CAMPAIGN FOR WAGE INCREASES

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hotel workers are well on the way of bringing about a powerful organization to serve their purpose.

While the organization of the hotel employees is proceeding in the various still not fully organized hotels, various suggestions and proposals are being made for calling of Regional and National Conferences of the representatives of the Hotel Employees' Unions for the purpose of establishing a uniform program, policy and an agreement for negotiations with the managements of the C.P.R. and C.N.R.

Disruption of Labor Organization Must Be Defeated

At this critical time of our organization we find that a dual union is trying to disrupt the efforts of workers to realize their objectives. While for months now we have had a lively branch functioning at the Calgary Palliser Hotel (C.P.R.), last week the C.B.R.E. sent in an organizer to establish their own organization which has nothing to offer to the workers except slanders against the already established and functioning union. Such tactics, in our opinion, are not motivated by the wishes and desires of the workers, but rather by those opposed to the best interests of labor.

As we have it for our information, our organizer submitted to the C.B.R.E. a clear cut proposal on the question of unity and co-operation, but instead of considering it, we find that, at least until the present, no consideration has been given to it.

As far as we are concerned, we are prepared to struggle not only for higher wages and improved working conditions for the C.P.R. and C.N.R. hotel workers, but also against all those who stand in the way of our realization of our objectives. If the C.B.R.E. chooses to do so, they and

not us will have to take the responsibility for it.

With numerous requests and proposals sent in to the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance for consideration, it becomes clear after a careful study that the position must be:

1. To complete the organization of all the C.N.R. and C.P.R. hotel employees without delay throughout the country.

2. To at once prepare a uniform agreement on wages and working conditions on the basis of the following general proposals:

(a) That the decision of the National War Labor Board granting six cents (6¢) per hour wage increase to the Railway Brotherhoods should also apply to all of the C.N.R. and C.P.R. Hotel Department Employees retroactive to January 1st, 1943.

(b) That the lowest wage rates of the various classifications of the employees are to be brought up to the highest scale paid in the industry.

(c) That a general upward revision of wage rates should be made to bring the living standard of these workers up from the subnormal to at least the average standard of life made possible and necessary under the present day conditions and requirements.

Organization Committees Formed

Where the organization of the hotel employees is not sufficiently strong in a given hotel, help is available from other International Unions through the Trades and Labor Councils to at once take the necessary steps not only to complete full organization, but to proceed with necessary preparations for negotiations with the management of agreements.

The Union is calling on all those who are not yet members, to lose no time in unionizing and taking an active part in the carrying out of the program outlined above.

**FORWARD TO VICTORY AND
SECURITY!**

THERE IS A DESIRE TO ORGANIZE

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but that the union was ready to proceed at once with negotiations for increased wages and improved working conditions.

However, the fight is on, and those who are responsible for confusion and disruption of the labor movement will have to account for it sooner or later. We know that the Palliser Hotel employees also know where our union stands. They see a living example before them in the case of the rest of the hotel employees who only recently gained over \$50,000.00 annual wage increase. They also know by now what has been done by the employees of the Macdonald Hotel at Edmonton during the last two years.

On December 6th the Regional War Labor Board for Alberta rendered a favorable decision on the Lethbridge and Edmonton Restaurant Employees' Union applications for increased wages and working conditions. In both cases the decision was the same as that of the Johnson's Cafe employees published in our October issue.

So about two weeks of travel and intensive work convinces me that not only is there a widespread desire on the part of the workers in our industry to organize, but that organization produces results, makes it possible to gain higher wages and improved working conditions. However, it also proves that as workers start organizing there is always someone who will go a long way to spread confusion and disruption as in the case of the Palliser Hotel employees cited above. But if we know that, and understand the position, those difficulties can be overcome, disruption can be timely eliminated and the necessary improvements made.

ABOLISH "DEPRESSION" WAGE RATES

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employees been fully organized from coast to coast, their wage rates and working conditions would have been much higher and better today.

That, in our opinion, is the reason for the widespread desire and concerted effort of the employees in all hotels to organize into one mighty union of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance (A.F.L.) from one end of the country to the other; as only through and by means of such a trade union will they be able to attain justice, gain improved working conditions and increased wages, thus making it possible for them to enjoy at least an average Canadian standard of life while working in these first class hotels.

We are fully behind the efforts of these and all other hotel and restaurant employees to organize and gain the necessary improvements. Canadian Labor is on the march to a happy and prosperous life. We of the hotel and restaurant industry shall be in step and march side by side with all organized workers.

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LOCAL 93 SHOWS THE WAY

By M. T.

C.N.R. Macdonald Hotel Local 93 is, we believe, a pioneer in its set-up in the Dominion of Canada. It embraces all workers in this hotel, and as such we find it is of good advantage not only to the employees but to the management as well.

Local 93 came into being seven years ago. Great credit is due not only to a number of those within as well as outside of this hotel whose good judgment and sound advice helped much. It was mass enthusiasm, clear understanding of the need and desire of great majority to organize into a union of their choice, that at the very first meeting called some seventy-eight members enrolled.

Therefore greater credit is due also to all of that splendid group of workers who became charter members en masse.

For the past number of years Local 93 has progressed and consolidated its ranks. We have at all times tried to deal with and settle all problems on a proper basis with the management.

We have succeeded greatly in the improvement of working conditions and secured adjustments in wage rates. Two years ago we negotiated for, and arrived at a mutual, signed agreement with the management, covering nearly all classifications of employees on wages and working conditions. Last year our agreement was renewed and some further adjustments gained.

The membership of Local 93 is justly proud of its achievements. We are most enthusiastic and happy.

Our relationship with the management is on a very good basis. And why should it not be so? What, after all, makes one's work a pleasure? Good relationship, mutual respect, security and fair reward for one's labor is, of course, the aim of us all.

This, however, we are firmly convinced, can only be brought about by properly organized, properly constituted bodies. For labor, the only such body is the bona fide trade union organization. Collective bargaining is the only method by which all problems affecting employees and employer can best be solved and settled to mutual satisfaction of both.

A far and wide campaign is on foot throughout this and other provinces to organize everywhere. In our own field, the catering industry, the need to organize is certainly great. In this we have been very fortunate in having secured the appointment of Alex. Young as Western Organizer. Local 93 heartily congratulates him on this well deserved appointment, and wish him all success. We feel sure that Alex's untiring efforts and good guidance will bring such results as will make possible the calling of a Regional Conference of Catering Industry Representatives.

Even long before that we confidently hope this war may be ended. Our Local 93 has some 22 members in the armed services. We want them, with all the other thousands, to return and find that they have not fought and sacrificed in vain, but that theirs shall be genuine peace and security, as for all humanity.

Local 93 extends hearty greetings and congratulations to our newly formed sister Local 667 Restaurant Section, and wish it all success.

HE COULDN'T SWIM

An old cowboy came to our city and registered at a hotel for the first time in his life. The clerk asked him if he wanted a room with running water.

"H——, no!" the cowboy yelled. "What do you think I am, a trout?"

**AMERICAN DAIRY LUNCH
EMPLOYEES GRANTED
WAGE INCREASES**

As we go to press word is received that the application for wages and holidays with pay for about 50 cafeteria employees of the Edmonton American Dairy Lunch have been granted a favorable decision by the Alberta Regional War Labor Board exactly the same as those granted to Johnson's Cafe employees two months ago.

Knowing as well as we do the troubles and tribulations, struggles and efforts on the part of these workers, we are glad, indeed, to hear the good news. There is certainly no reason now for any restaurant worker staying away from the union. Does Unionism pay? Ask the cooks and waitresses at the Dairy Lunch and they will tell you that \$3.00 to \$10.00 per week wage increases certainly are a very good answer to that question.

ON TIME!

The district supervisor had noticed employees straggling in late and so told the plant manager that in future all employees must be in the plant when the whistle blew.

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In conclusion I wish, on behalf of all the members of Local No. 54, to extend the Season's Greetings to the International officers, Provincial Alliance Executive and members of all affiliated local unions.

Fraternally yours,
J. Jongkind.

BASIS OF THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT

As far as the Beverage Dispensers are concerned in Edmonton, Calgary, Drumheller, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat we already have a fairly uniform union agreement. The recent discussion reveals that the basis of our proposed agreement will be as follows:

1. Fullest possible cooperation with the employers and the Government authorities in raising the service to the public to the highest level;
2. Raising of the lowest wage rates now prevailing to the highest paid in the aforementioned localities;
3. Double pay for work on all statutory holidays and pay for election days;
4. Incorporation of the most progressive provisions of all prevailing agreements into the new one.

BARE SUBJECT!

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard,
To get her poor daughter a dress.
But when she got there—
The cupboard was bare
And so was her daughter . . I guess!

ORGANIZER ALEX. YOUNG VISITS THE MAIN CITIES

In line with the organizational program elsewhere outlined in this issue of the "Employee," the Executive has mapped out the following itinerary for Organizer Young with the view that he may be able to clear up the various points, strengthen the organization and prepare for negotiations of agreements with the C.N.R. and C.P.R. managements embracing all of the employees in their hotels in the Prairie Provinces: Dec. 10th and 11th, Saskatoon; Dec. 12th and 13th, Regina; Dec. 14th, Brandon; and Dec. 15th to 18th, Winnipeg.

In reply to the numerous requests received from the above mentioned places, we wish to say that pressure of work does not permit him to spend more time in each place at this time. However, while he is there we hope that you will get the best out of him and we promise that early in the year he will be able to give more time and energy to each place in the final completion of the work before us.

Said the lighted cigarette to the tray on the shelf—Looks like I'm making an ash of myself.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

—FROM—

The House of Lethbridge



LETHBRIDGE
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YUKON LABOR FORGES AHEAD

The Editor:

We had a very successful recruiting drive and were able to consolidate our membership very much during the last month. At present we have four certification applications pending, four cases with the National War Labor Board for wage revisions and one case with the West-

ern Labor Board yet pending.

We also are in the midst of a big financial campaign for funds, with an objective of \$1,100.00 for this month. We plan to raise this money by having a big dance, tickets for which have been on sale for a week now. Over \$500.00 in cash has been turned in already, so we are confident that we will make the grade.

Next month and the first half of February will see the largest campaign for organization in the Yukon. We are making plans to have another person put on full time while I am to take a trip over the Territory to organize the other camps and raise funds for our local. We also are making plans for a public library and no doubt you will receive a circular letter from this local in the form of an appeal for books.

I am very pleased to hear that Brother Young has been promoted to a new position and I'm quite sure that it was a very good choice.

G. P. BELANGER,
Business Agent, Local 884,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Don't Forget Your Union Meeting!

REGULAR MEETINGS OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES' UNIONS

Regular meeting of Local 579 is held every first Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Queen's Hotel Union Hall.

Regular meeting of Local 269 is held every first Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m. at the Queen's Hotel Union Hall.

Regular meetings of Local 93 are held every first and second Tuesday of each month at 9 p.m. at the Queen's Hotel Union Hall.

Regular meetings of Restaurant Employees' Union are held every second and fourth Thursday, at 2:40 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. respectively, at the Queen's Hotel Union Hall.

Edmonton Local Joint Executive Board will meet on the 29th of each month at 9 p.m. at the Queen's Hotel.

All meetings are vitally important and all members should attend.

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